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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

The Applicants submit the following Amendment in response to the Final Office Action mailed April 20, 2009. The amendment is being timely filed on October 15, 2009, with a request and fee for a three month extension of time in conjunction with the filing of an RCE. The pending claims are listed beginning on page 2 of this paper. Interview Summary and Remarks begin on page 16 of this paper.